

ANNUAL STATISTICS REPORT FOR 2006 UNDERGROUND MINING IN INDIANA

Total number of active underground mines in the state:

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| 1. | Black Beauty Underground, Inc.
Air Quality #1 Mine
Monroe City, Indiana, Knox County | Number of employees - 301 |
| 2. | Gibson County Coal, LLC
Gibson Mine
Princeton, Indiana, Gibson County | Number of employees - 280 |
| 3. | Five Star Mining Inc.
Prosperity Mine
Petersburg, Indiana, Pike County | Number of employees - 340 |
| 4. | Sunrise Coal Company
Howesville Mine
Howesville, Indiana, Clay County (Stopped mining June 2006) | |
| 5. | Sunrise Coal Company
Carlisle Mine
Carlisle, Indiana, Sullivan County (Started Coal Production December 2006) | Number of employees - 69 |
| 6. | Triad Underground Mining
Freelandville Mine
Edwardsport, Indiana, Knox County | Number of employees - 58 |
| 7. | Black Beauty Coal Company
Francisco Mine
Francisco, Indiana, Gibson County | Number of employees - 72 |
| 8. | White River Coal Company
Hazleton Mine
Hazleton, Indiana, Gibson County | Number of employees - 101 |

**TOTAL CLEAN TONS OF COAL
PRODUCED BY EACH MINE 2006**

<u>MINE</u>	<u>TONNAGE</u>	<u>COAL SEAM</u>
Air Quality #1 Mine	2,195,973	Danville #7
Prosperity Mine	2,789,684	Springfield #5
Gibson Mine	3,572, 577	#5 seam
Francisco Mine	1,132,735	#5 seam
Howesville Mine	142,636	Indiana lower block
Carlisle Mine	3,315	#5 seam
Freelandville Mine	466,469	#5 seam
Hazleton Mine	478,272	#7 seam

NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS AT EACH MINE IN 2006
(THERE WERE NO FATALITIES IN INDIANA UNDERGROUND MINES)

<u>MINE</u>	<u>ACCIDENTS</u>	<u>LTA</u>	<u>NON-LTA</u>
Air Quality #1 Mine			
Prosperity Mine	11	8	3
Gibson Mine	68	7	61
Francisco Mine	2	2	0
Howesville Mine	11	6	5
Carlisle Mine	4	2	2
Freelandville Mine	6	2	4
Hazleton Mine	1	1	0
TOTAL	103	28	7

NUMBER OF PERMITS, LICENSES, AND CERTIFICATIONS ISSUED IN 2006

MINER'S PERMITS ISSUED.....	187
MINER'S LICENSES ISSUED	170
CERTIFICATIONS FOR:	
MINE FOREMAN.....	24
FIREBOSS	16
BELT EXAMINER	5
HOISTING ENGINEER.....	6
SHOT FIRER	2

The state testing format was changed in October of 2006. The testing, grading, and mapping formats were updated. There are now two practical parts of the testing done along with the written portion and these include gas testing and air reading practical tests. New study guides were put on computer disc which are provided to each mine and as the testing is updated, the mines will be updated with a disc with the information needed. The new testing format was an effort contributed by the Indiana Mining Board, Greg Xanders, Peabody Coal, Mike Stanley, Gibson Coal Company, and Don McBride, Illinois State Bureau of Mines.

MEMBERS OF THE INDIANA MINING BOARD

Timothy Emmons, Chairman

John A. Stachura, Jr.

Joe Hamilton

Don Fiestal

Members of the mining board are appointed by the governor of the State of Indiana to a term of four years. They execute and administer the laws of the State of Indiana concerning coal mines and collect and diffuse information concerning the health and safety of the mines and miners. They promote the training of mine personnel, submit any bills embodying legislation that the board may agree upon to the general assembly, and examine any person applying for a State Certification as Mine Foreman, Fireboss, Shot Firer, Hoisting Engineer, and Belt Examiner.

INDIANA MINE RESCUE

The Indiana mine rescue station is housed under the direction of the Bureau of Mines and is located at the Bureau office site on Vincennes University Campus, 1002 N. 1st Street, Vincennes, Indiana.

The Bureau is actively involved with the Indiana Mine Rescue Association (IMRA), which is a member of the National Mine Rescue Association. The Bureau of Mines has two fully trained and equipped mine rescue teams who provide rescue and recovery services for all underground mines in the state. One of our mines, Gibson County Coal Co. has their own mine rescue team, who will also provide help should the need arise.

The mine rescue team is trained by Greg Xanders, Instructor, Peabody Training Center and Don "Blink" McCorkle, Deputy Commissioner for the Bureau of Mines. The teams participated in four mine rescue contests. These contests simulate different mine disaster scenarios and the teams work through these scenarios with their equipment and training to solve the given problem and they are scored by their peers and federal and state officials on how well they performed. The teams were also involved in a mock mine disaster in June of 2006. The teams are comprised of employees from each of Indiana's underground mines.

INDIANA MINE RESCUE TEAM MEMBERS

Terry Thombleson
Tony Wilson
Steve Riley
Bob Mowery
Mike Workman
Cory Baker
Shane Meadows
Tory Hinton
David Roach
Mark Lyon
Troy Goodman
Eric Head
Julie Bedwell

These employees are dedicated and responsible individuals who give of their time to make sure Indiana Mines are a safer place to work. Out of the four contests they competed in, they finished 1st in the Western Kentucky Mining Institute Contest and 3rd in the Kentucky State Contest.

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The Indiana Bureau of Mines and Mine Safety, a division of the Indiana Department of Labor, is staffed by the Deputy Commissioner/Mine Inspector and the Indiana Mining Board.

The Bureau conducts quarterly spot inspections at all underground mines in Indiana as well as annual inspections of all augering operations in surface mines.

The Indiana Mining Board administers examinations quarterly to certify coal miners in the following classifications: Mine Foreman, Fireboss, Belt Examiner, Hoisting Engineer, and Shot Firer.

The Bureau investigates all fatal and serious nonfatal accidents in the mining industry in Indiana.

A fully equipped mine rescue station is maintained by the Bureau. Mine rescue equipment including breathing apparatus, gas detectors, booster pump, mine rescue van, communication capabilities, and supplies sufficient to accommodate two mine rescue teams is housed under the direction of the Bureau of Mines. This equipment is available for immediate use.

The Bureau of Mines also keeps mine maps and records of the mining in Indiana available to the public on digitized discs and the Indiana Geological Survey website.

The Indiana Bureau of Mines is dedicated to making sure that the miners are working safely and that the mines in Indiana are a safe place to work.

Don "Blink" McCorkle

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